

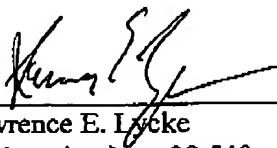
App. No. 10/814,765
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2-9, 11-19, and 21-28 are pending. Claims 2, 9, 18, 21 and 28 are objected to and would be considered allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 2, 9, 18, 21 and 28 have been rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, applicants believe claims 2, 9, 18, 21 and 28 are allowable as amended. Dependent claims are submitted to be allowable because, as amended herein, they depend from allowable claims.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all pending claims are believed to be allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the applicants at the telephone number provided below.

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